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Subject: Inquiry Submittal for East Delta Watershed Management Program

Ms. Hansel:

Enclosed please find ten (10) copies of an Inquiry Submittal for the CALFED Category III Program, which describes a proposed project for the East Delta Watershed Management Program. The project applicants include the City of Stockton; San Joaquin County; Stockton East Water District and Delta Keeper. This submittal is made on behalf of these applicants.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. Glen Birdzell, Deputy Director Municipal Utilities/Stormwater, City of Stockton at (209) 937-8734.

Thank you for your consideration of this submittal.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Grovhoug

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Vice President

Enclosures

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INQUIRY SUBMITTAL TO THE CALFED CATEGORY III PROGRAM
July 28, 1997

A1. Project Title

East Delta Watershed Management Program

A2. Applicant's Name

City of Stockton ---

San Joaquin County ---

Stockton East Water District ---

Delta Keeper ---

Mr. Glen Birdzell (209) 937-8734

Mr. Charles Kelley

Mr. Ed Steffani

Mr. Bill Jennings

B. Project Description and Primary Biological/Ecological Factors

The project consists of the formation and administration of a watershed management program for the eastside tributaries to the San Joaquin River in the vicinity of the City of Stockton (see Attachment A). The watershed management group would focus on an array of activities, including efforts to enhance biological and ecological factors through the following: (1) identification and reduction of significant toxic pollutant and sediment inputs to produce water quality improvements, benefiting fall-run Chinook salmon, delta smelt, splittail, and striped bass in the San Joaquin River and eastside tributaries; (2) improvement of seasonal DO depressions in the San Joaquin River and eastside tributaries near Stockton; (3) habitat improvements and enhancement; (4) reduced entrainment of fish species at diversions; (5) elimination of migration barriers; (6) design and implementation of a water quality monitoring program which is coordinated with ongoing monitoring by others (IEP, City of Stockton, DWR, RWQCB, Delta Keeper, USGS, etc.); (7) modified levee maintenance practices to enhance habitat; (8) evaluate restoration of anadromous fish on lower reaches of the Calaveras River; and (9) education of stakeholders.

C. Approach/ Tasks and Schedule

The following approach and tasks will be utilized in the project: (1) Form group consisting of key stakeholders; (2) Establish mission statement, goals and objectives, and values; (3) Assess available information and educate stakeholder group; (4) Identify, evaluate and select projects; (5) Seek and obtain funding; (6) Implement projects; (7) Monitor for program and project effectiveness, use adaptive management to increase effectiveness and identify future projects; (8) Repeat project cycle

Initial efforts for formation of the stakeholder group are currently underway. The schedule for other tasks, including project development and implementation, is unknown.

D. Justification for Project and Funding by CALFED

The proposed project meets the goals of the CALFED Category III funding program. The program will provide a local watershed group within the CALFED ERPP study area

which will work on an array of short-term and long-term projects, including projects to enhance biological and ecological factors (species and habitat) of primary interest to CALFED, as described above.

E. Budget Costs and Third Party Impacts

The anticipated annual budget for formation and administration of the East Delta Watershed Program is \$200,000. Costs will include facilitation and recording services for meetings, preparation of meeting materials, coordination with stakeholders, preparation of newsletters and calendars, coordination with outside entities, and technical support for activities of the program.

Formation and operation of the program will not have adverse impacts to third parties. The proposed project will result in open communication and collaboration with a variety of interests that will minimize third party impacts. Specific projects implemented by the stakeholder group shall be individually evaluated regarding third party impacts.

F. Applicant Qualifications

The City and County have developed and implemented community programs that demonstrate their ability to lead similar efforts (see Attachment B).

G. Monitoring and Data Evaluation

The program will include development and implementation of a monitoring program to establish and evaluate baseline conditions and to assess the effectiveness of management activities. The monitoring program will be coordinated with ongoing monitoring programs sponsored by the following entities: City of Stockton (NPDES), San Joaquin County (Stormwater program), Interagency Ecological Program, DWR, and Delta Keeper

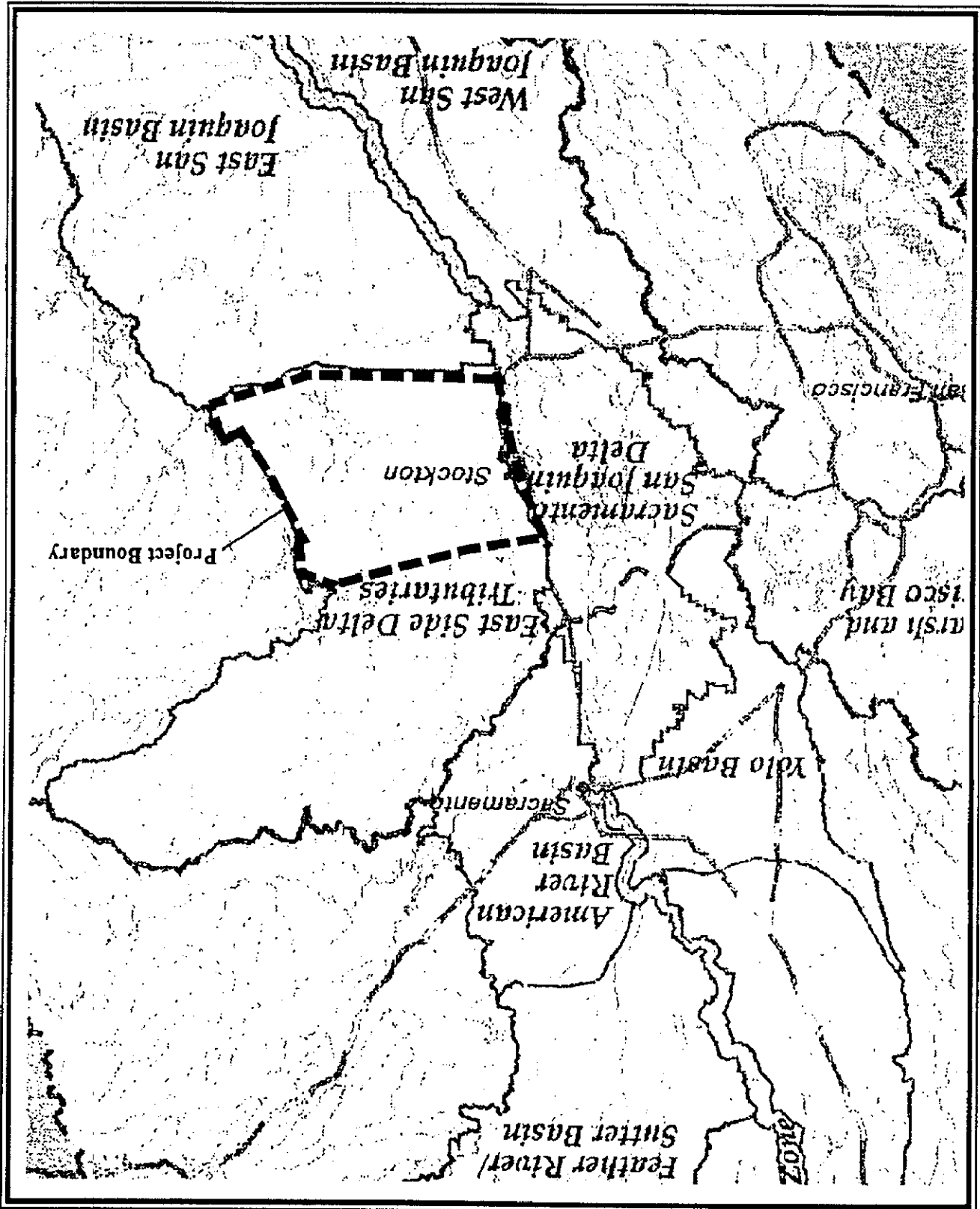
H. Local Support/Coordination With other Programs/Compatibility with CALFED Objectives

The program will involve the formation of a stakeholder group with the primary purpose of coordinating various activities and programs and to involve various interest groups in the development of effective projects. The following interests have been contacted and most have met to consider participation in the stakeholder group:

Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, Stockton East Water District, South Delta Water Agency, Building Industry Association, Delta Keeper, Port of Stockton, DWR, DF&G, IEP, Regional Board, San Joaquin Council of Governments, San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency, San Joaquin County Community Development, Business Council, Inc., San Joaquin County Environmental Health, San Joaquin County Agricultural Commissioner, Caltrans (District 10), Sierra Club, Department of Water Resources, City of Lathrop

EAST DELTA WATERSHED PROGRAM

Attachment 1
Project Area



ATTACHMENT B

OTHER PROJECTS BY APPLICANTS

JOINT PROJECTS

City and County collaboration on San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCA) projects
City and County Stormwater Management Program

CITY OF STOCKTON

Expansion of the Regional Wastewater Control Facility
Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Program and associated Water Quality Modeling

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

East Stockton Sanitary Sewer Retrofit Project

Detail on these projects or additional projects are available upon request.